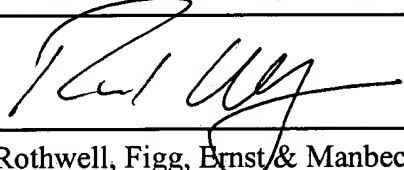


REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-10 are canceled without prejudice to the prosecution of the subject matter of these claims in a future divisional or continuation application. Independent claim 3, which was restricted out of the parent application remains pending. New claims 11-27 are added. Accordingly, claims 3 and 11-27 are pending.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,					
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Richard Wydeven, Registration No. 39,881				
SIGNATURE				DATE	April 4, 2001
ADDRESS	Rothwell, Figg, Ernst & Manbeck, P.C. 555 Thirteenth Street, N.W., Suite 701, East Tower				
CITY	Washington	STATE	D.C.	ZIP CODE	20004
COUNTRY	U.S.A.	TELEPHONE	(202) 783-6040	FAX	(202) 783-6031